

HISTORICAL SKETCH OF THE HEBREW PEOPLE

with one on a more magnificent scale. The present Temple was erected five hundred years before when the Jews returned from Babylon. A thousand priests having architectural skill were made overseers of the work on the new Temple. After laboring ten years on building and the courts, and before the work was completed, the Temple was dedicated. Fearful that his throne was still in danger Herod murdered his two sons. In this mind he was smitten with a new fear when the startling announcement was made that Jesus, King of the Jews, was born, and we know from the opening of the New Testament that he attempted to put Him to death.

Thus we have sketched the events of the past four hundred years from the time of Nehemiah and Malachi. In that time the covenant people have witnessed the fall of the world-empire, the rise and fall of the third, and are now under the dominion of the fourth.

The Messianic line that has been unfolded for centuries through all the changing times and vicissitudes of the Messianic nation has at last issued in the advent of the Son of God. The Israelites are reestablished in their land under their religious institutions; the prophecy of Daniel as to time, and that of Micah as to birthplace, are fulfilled when, in the fulness of time, is born in Bethlehem of Judea.

Apocryphal Books

The fourteen Apocryphal books belong to this period of four hundred years, the dates running from 180 B. C. to 30 B. C., or the last half of the period from Nehemiah to Christ.

Bel and the Dragon have been assigned to the time of the Ptolemies; *Ecclesiasticus* to 180 B. C.; *Enoch* to about 165 B. C.; *II Maccabees* some time after 161 B. C.; *The Book of Solomon* to the close of the first century, B. C.; *I Maccabees* is placed after 135 B. C. There is no certainty as to the date of *Tobit* and *Judith*, *The Prayer of Manasses* and

the book that has the greatest historical value is *I Maccabees* which gives the persecution of the Jews by Antiochus Epiphanes from 175 B. C., and carries the history of that time to the death of Simon Maccabaeus in 135 B. C.

They are rejected by the Protestant Church as spurious, having no canonical authority. The reason for this rejection lies in the fact that they are not in the Hebrew canon as having no divine authority. This is abundantly supported by the fact that they do not know, on the authority of Josephus, that nothing was added to the Old Testament after the time of Ezra and Nehemiah, and that no other Scriptures were considered their sacred canon. And we also know from his enumeration that the books considered their Scriptures are the same as our Old Testament books.

question arises, how did these uncanonical books find their way into the Bible. The answer never given a place in the Hebrew Bible, but from time to time crept into the Greek translation of the Old Testament. This version was used almost exclusively in Alexandria as the Word of God by Greek-speaking Jews.

translations of the Scriptures into the vernacular of the people, such as the Old Latin made from the Septuagint, and consequently from that version these books crept their way into these translations.

est of the early Fathers regarded the Hebrew Canon as the only authoritative version of the Old Testament. This was especially true of the declarations of Augustine, who signified that the Protestant Bible takes the true scriptural position relative to the Apocryphal Books.

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Family Register GRANDPARENTS



GRANDFATHER (Father's Side)	Date of Birth	Date of Death
Larkin E. Reece	Feb 7, 1859	Dec 4, 1921
GRANDMOTHER (Father's Side)	Date of Birth	Date of Death
Elizabeth Reece	March 24, 1863	
GRANDFATHER (Mother's Side)	Date of Birth	Date of Death
Volney J. Moore		
GRANDMOTHER (Mother's Side)	Date of Birth	Date of Death
Fannie Moore		

PARENTS



March 23, 1920 Married Hendersonville, N.C.
Baptist Rectory
George W. Reece
HUSBAND
May 8, 1896
Date of Birth
Greene, N.C.
Place of Birth
Date of Death
Where
Where Buried
Dorine M. Moore
WIFE
Oct 29, 1900
Date of Birth
Hendersonville, N.C.
Place of Birth
Apr 24, 1959
Date of Death
Where
Where Buried
St. Paul's Park